Punishment 17 5th-Period Cinderella

poof
ARCANA CARD NUMBER 1, GET!☆
!
glow
THANKFULLY, THE WOULD-BE IDOL AUDITION WAS BOILED DOWN TO A ONE-ON-ONE MATCH BETWEEN US AND RHODECIA,
SO WE FINALLY GOT WHAT WE'D BEEN AFTER ALL THIS TIME— SECOND PLACE!
MEANWHILE, RHODECIA ENDED UP DITCHING THE SHOW MIDWAY THROUGH.
(SPEAKING OF WHICH, IT TURNS OUT THE GROUP THAT WOULD DEBUT AS A RESULT OF THE COMPETITION HAD BEEN DECIDED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING.)
Me? I'm just glad we didn't have to debut!

BaraKiss Poetry Corner (Private Compilation)

Oh, super-scary devil man, pretty-please stay asleep...
Hard to tell...
...I... guess the seal isn't cracking as much...?
THE DEVIL'S SEAL IS SUCKING THE ARCANA CARD INSIDE...
I wonder how many of those fragments we have left to collect... The Arcana Cards, I mean.
If the name "Arcana Card" is any indication, I'd say it's the same number as in the tarot-
so we'll most likely be looking for 22 cards, Anis-sama.
22 CARDS...
Whoa...
You and your sports—
NRAH!
ALRIGHT! LET'S DO THIS!
Fine! If that's what it's gonna take, we'll just have to step up our game!
And now, for you, my high-spirited Lady Anis...
SMACK!

The White Rose, Tenjoh Mitsuru, has prepared for you a special lunch!
WHY ARE YOU DRESSED LIKE A BUTLER?
I call it, "The Millenium Winter, a throat-tickling sensation"!!
WOW!

Uh... Alright...
Lady Anis, should you feel at all inclined, please, eat...
Come, sit!
What kind of name is THAT?
Mmm, yummy, yummy...!!
Oooh...! I don't know why you always have to be so GROSS about everything, Tenjoh-sempai.
You're both grossing me out...
But this food is so good, even I'm starting to see sparkles!
Hmm...
The materialization of my love for Lady Anis melts on her tongue into sparkling diamonds!
Aaah...
SQUIRM

CHOMP
Lemme try, then.
WHA-
HEY, KAEDE! I DIDN'T HEAR YOU ASKING IF YOU COULD HAVE ANY!!
Hey, I'm just tryin' to help. That's way more food than you can handle on your own.
KAE
IDIOT! I DIDN'T ASK YOU TO!
MUNCH..

You want some too, Seiran-kun?
Twister's funny
Actually...
MIKUFA DOES!
Just seeing your happy smile fills me right up...
Anis-sama!
Okay, then...
Aww~ Well if you say so~
Mutsuki.... How about you?
Wave
Do

TURN
...No.
SO MUCH FOR TRYING TO FEED HIM...!!
.....
.....
Mutsuki...
He... hasn't been quite himself lately...
And it seems he wasn't able to pick up on Orange and his crew's presence during the audition, either...
OH, YEAH... THE ARTIFICIAL KNIGHTS...

AND NOW OF ALL TIMES, THE NURSE'S OFFICE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE LOCKED UP WITH A SIGN SAYING "AWAY ON BUSINESS" HANGING ON THE DOOR
AWAY ON BUSINESS
AND EVEN IT SUSHI SENSEI'S BEEN SPENDING MORE AND MORE TIME AWAY FROM SCHOOL
NINUFA DIDN'T KNOW NUFFIN' 'BOUT ANY OTHER KNIGHTS 'SIDES YOU FOUR AND DA YELLOW ROSE~
CHOMP
HARUTO...
Yellow Rose notwithstanding...
I'm pretty sure Yellow Rose said something about that, too...
Do you suppose that means they were normal humans before Mr. Schwartz granted them their special abilities?

IT TURNS OUT THE TWO MEMBERS OF THE IDOL GROUP, RHODECIA,
A.K.A. ORANGE AND LIME...
WERE BOTH ARTIFICIAL KNIGHTS CREATED BY PAPA.

munch
munch
Fortune was on our side with Orange and Lime... All things considered, their abilities weren't particularly formidable.
In the long history of the Rosette contracts, I have never once heard of a predicament similar to ours...
where any other parties outside those contracted were granted the powers normally reserved for Rhode Knights such as ourselves.
But what truly worries me is in the little information we received from them...
we can safely imply that there are other artificial Knights we may have to contend with in the future.
.....
CLATTER
Thanks, I'm stuffed!!

Mitsuru is touched!
Alrighty, guys, let's get a move on! We're late for fifth period!
ALL of it!?
I'm glad to see it was to your liking...
YOU ATE ALL THAT!? BY YOURSELF!? JUST WHILE WE WERE TALKING!?
WHA!? YOU-
Not after eating all that, you're not...
That's the number one rule of weight-watching.☆
Oh, I'll work off lunch later tonight!
That, and
TODAY'S PROJECT:
Draw your partner in a natural setting
(Form groups of 2)
...Huh?
CHATTER CHATTER
GRIN
I'll be needing to keep my energy up...
just in case something happens, right?

We thought you ditched class.
SORRY, ANIS!
Oh... Er, well, we could make a group of three?
Oh, wait... Then Kaede'd be...
EEH??
Guess we ran a little TOO late...
You mean Kaede's the only one left for me to partner with?
BUT I DON'T WANT KAEDE TO DRAW ME! I'D LOOK LIKE I WAS HIT BY A TRUCK!!
HMPH!
RIGHT BACK AT'CHA!!
HOW'D YOU KNOW I SUCK AT DRAWING?
I CAN TELL JUST BY LOOKIN AT YA.
Hey, wait...
I don't think Mikage-chan's in a group yet. Why don't you try asking her?

I'M KIND OF NERVOUS SINCE WE'VE NEVER ACTUALLY SPOKEN... BUT WHAT'VE I GOT TO LOSE?
MIKAGE-CHAN... SHE DOESN'T TALK MUCH AND HER NOSE IS ALWAYS IN A BOOK...
So...
Hiiragi... Mikage-chan...
You... wanna group?
Sure...

They made a group of three.
Why do we have to use YOU as the model, again?
'Cause I'm still sleepy from my mornin' training. I'm gonna take a nap.
Oh, don't TELL me you're gonna skip out on your half of the assignment!
SNORE
Keade?
...YOU'RE ALREADY ASLEEP!?
TOSS
Ugh, I'm really sorry, Mikage-chan.
You don't deserve to get stuck with this weirdo.
SCRITCH
SCRITCH

scritch
scritch
scritch
scritch
...No, I don't have a problem with it.
It must be nice to get along so well with everyone the way you do, Yamamoto-san.
...Eh?
Really? Okay then, let's draw him however we want!
Er, I'm not really good at drawing things though...
I haven't the slightest idea of how to talk to the guys in our class.
...Eh? But...
Kaede's... Well, Kaede's KAEDE, y'know what I mean? Er, I mean...
Hmm...
Yeah, Guys ARE kinda hard to get, aren't they...
scratch

MUTSUKI...
I can think of plenty of times when I can't even work up the nerve to tell them what's on my mind, either...
THOUGH THE "GUY" IN QUESTION IS ACTUALLY A "DARK STALKER"...
HE'S BEEN ACTING SO WEIRD LATELY I CAN'T HELP WORRYING ABOUT HIM, BUT...
Then...
Why not try looking more closely?
LOOK MORE CLOSELY?
...Ah...
=pppt...=
FWOOSH

Yama-moto-san?
I'll be right back!
Sorry, Mikage-chan!
DASH
SHING
OH...!
YOU CAN CALL ME "ANIS"!
RUSTLE
Here you are!
Anis...

You...
You're always slacking around, aren't ya?
WHAT DO YOU WANT?
ouch.
Ah, that was harsh
Er, it's, uh, not that I WANT anything...
Here... I snuck out some goodies for you when no one was looking.
コソ
CANDLE
LISTLE

TA-DAA!
LEFTOVERS FROM TENJOH-SEMPAI'S SPECIAL LUNCH~!
Er...;;
And?
.....
.....
Try watching him more closely.
...Have you been feeling alright lately, Mutsuki?
What does that have to do with food?
Just listen to me, okay?
WHAT I REALLY WANT TO SAY...
IS "TALK TO ME..." BUT HOW COULD I?

Whenever I get my hands on something good to eat,
the tastier it is, the better I start to feel!
So what I wanted to do,
is share some of that with you, Mutsuki!
YANK
Well, excu~se ...
!?
You lower life-forms are so simple-minded...

Wha... Is that any way to eat a sandwich?
My hands are dirty.
Jeeze, I don't know whether to call your manners good or horrible...

It's just that, uh...
Now what?
Er... I guess I'm just kinda surprised you can eat like a normal person
Would you rather I acted more in line with other creatures of the darkness...
and drank the blood of humans, or some such other foolishness?
SMIRK
EWW!
Saying something like that with dressing all over your face REALLY doesn't make you sound any better!
...Ah.
...Here, as well.
PULL

WAHYAA!
...?
SLURP
?!
CUT THAT OUT!!
SHWIP!

DEATHBLOW BRIARS!
Here, take it!
Eat the damn sandwich by yourself!
!
SQUEEZE
And believe me, if that doesn't get you in a better mood, you'll have ME to answer to!
TUP
TUP
TUP
.....
I wonder...

Is this what they call... desire...?

Jeeze! Who the heck does he think he is?!
FLIME
STOMP
Knowing him, I'll bet I woke him up from a nap and he was still talking in his sleep, or something!
BUT...
Look more closely...
THUMP
Th-
RUSTLE
WHAT IS MUTSUKI TRYING TO HIDE?
"Rose Princess?"
THE MORE I TRY TO LOOK AT HIM, THE MORE CONFUSING EVERYTHING GETS...

SKUFF
What the heck are you muttering to yourself about?
Rhodecia? What happened to you guys?
We finished recording, so now we're back in school... What's it to you?
Not THAT.

Uh, "Rivals" ...?
Rose Princess.
Can't say I much appreciate one of our RIVALS feeling sorry for us,

Oh. Yeah, well...
You're all beat up...

That Schwartz made you both into artificial knights... But there's one more thing I wanted to ask you.

I know you said Papa... er, no,
Listen

I want you to SING, yo!
I'm gonna make you ROSES, yo!
HE... HE DIDN'T START UP HIS OWN TALENT AGENCY, DID HE!?
OF COURSE NOT!!
I get the impression that Schwartz may not be too happy with the attention we've attracted...
...I'm going to have to say it's the complete opposite.
THERE'S NOTHING ORDINARY ABOUT THOSE WOUNDS, THAT'S FOR SURE.
Wait, are you saying... HE'S the one who did this to you?
YOU WILL BE PUNISHED...
No, not quite.

So the use of our magic entails taking it out of our own bodies... both literally and physically.
Even among the other artificial knights, Idel and I...
weren't selected to enter contracts with our own "Commander," like you'd be considered.
RUSTLE
Hmm. What I'd meant to say...
after "Look more closely..."

...was, "At Kaede-kun,"
but... oh well.
I want him...
I WANT HIM
I WANT HIM
I WANT HIM
I WANT HIM
I WANT HIM

I WANT...
THEY'D WILLINGLY PUT THEIR OWN BODIES ON THE LINE...
DRAG

You guys probably wouldn't understand,
but there's something we want, and we're going to go as far as it takes to get it.
SQUEEZE
...I'm sure...
...your Rhode Knights probably have things they want just as badly.
Things they want.
SKUFF
Welcome back.

I was wondering where you'd run off to, Anis.
S-
Sorry I took so long, Mikage-chan!
RUSTLE
Here. These are for you.
?
How's your portrait coming along?
I'd better get started on mine...
Agh, only five minutes left? Are you kidding?
And Kaede's still asleep!
PANIC!
I didn't have anything better to do,
so I drew extra portraits for your and Kaede's part of the assignment while I was waiting.
Kaede's is a drawing of you
REALLY !!?
I MEAN, ARE YOU SURE?!
Wow, these are really good, too!

MY LIEGE
I'LL PAY YOU BACK SOMEDAY, I SWEAR ON MY LIFE!!
You mean it?
There is a favor I'd like to ask you, Anis...
Then...
Actually ...
SHWIP!
SAY THE WORD!!
I was wondering if you could ask Kaede-kun...
If he'd... go out on a date with me.

.....Eh?
EEEEH!?
Mikage-chan!? You want to go on a date? With KAEDE!?
A...
A date with... Kaede.... huh...
...Okay.
PART OF ME WANTS TO SAY, "WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT HIM?"
コノ
MOD

Alright, just leave it to me!
BUT I HAVE A FEELING THAT IF I DID...
IT WOULD MAKE ME LOOK LIKE A COMPLETE DORK...
Gothic Land
Okay, could you tell him to meet me at Gothic Land today after school?
FOR SOME REASON, I WAS TOO EMBARRASSED TO COME RIGHT OUT AND ASK HIM...
I GUESS I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE THIS, HUH..
Chu

...Woah.
I'LL USE THE CARDS TO SUMMON HIM!!
Where are we?
Looks like he was in his way home
TURN
Yeah, well, uh... about that..

I ORDER YOU...
TO GO ON A DATE!!
.....
Anis...
-WITH MIKAGE-CHAN!!
Huh?

Hey, I'm just trying to help out a friend!
Look, you little...
That's an order...
KAEDE...?
Your wish is my command... Dominion
Then I don't have much of a choice, do I?
END

SCANLATIONS ARE NOT MEANT TO BE A SUBSTITUTE FOR THE PUBLISHED BOOK.
Please support the author and publishers by purchasing the volume when it becomes available in your area!

Barajou no Kiss

vol. 4 ch. 17: Fifth-Period Cinderella
Brought to you by Turtle Paradise Scanlations
(http://www.turtle-paradise.net)
June 28th, 2010

(￣～；￣)

Mutsuki desires... THE SANDWICH.
HAHAHAHAHA
-Melfra & Clov3r

Edited by
Shinigami

Translated by
Rebmastu

Typeset by
Rebmastu

QC'd by
Melfra
Clov3r